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1. HAROLD LOGAN OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT, ACCORDING
TO SENATOR ROBERT BYRD, SENATE WILL NOT ACT ON SALT AGREE-
MENT THIS YEAR EVEN IF NEGOTIATIONS PRODUCED PACT BEFORE END
OF CURRENT TERM. "WHITE HOUSE HAS KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT
TREATY WILL NOT BE TAKEN UP THIS YEAR," BYRD SAID. BYRD
EXPLAINED THAT THERE IS LARGE BACKLOG OF LEGISLATION, IN

YEAR WHEN CONGRESS IS ANXIOUS TO ADJOURN EARLY TO GIVE MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO HOME AND CAMPAIGN FOR REELECTION, LOGAN REPORTED. "AS HE HAS DONE BEFORE, BYRD SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE THINKS SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA OUGHT NOT AFFECT EVENTUAL SENATE CONSIDERATION OF SALT TREATY, THERE IS NEVERTHELESS LIMITED LINKAGE BETWEEN TWO MINDS OF SOME SENATORS," LOGAN ADDED.

2. BERNARD WEINRAUB OF NEW YORK TIMES, NOTING THAT ADMINISTRATION HAS "SUBSTANTIALLY SLOWED" MX PROGRAM, SAID ADMINISTRATION HAS CONCLUDED THAT MX'S ABILITY TO SURVIVE AN ATTACK IS DOUBTFUL AND THAT FURTHER STUDIES ARE NEEDED

BEFORE FULL-SCALE DEVELOPMENT BEGINS. SLOWDOWN LEAVES IT UNCLEAR HOW U.S. WILL COUNTER ABILITY OF SOVIET UNION TO DESTROY U.S. ICBM FORCES, WHICH ARE BURIED IN STATIONARY SILOS, WEINRAUB SAID.

3. MIKE SHANAHAN OF ASSOCIATED PRESS, IN DISPATCH PUBLISHED IN WASHINGTON POST, SAID SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE URGED PRESIDENT CARTER TO STOCKPILE COMPONENTS FOR NEUTRON WARHEADS IN U.S. FOR QUICK SHIPMENT TO WESTERN EUROPE. COMMITTEE, IN NEW REPORT, SAID OTHERWISE IT WOULD TAKE YEARS TO PUT WARHEADS IN PLACE IF DECISION IS MADE TO INSTALL THEM AS DETERRENT TO AN ATTACK ON WESTERN EUROPE BY WARSAW PACT NATIONS. IN SEPARATE STATE-UNCLASSIFIED

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MENT, COMMITTEE MEMBERS SENATOR SAM NUNN AND HENRY JACKSON CRITICIZED CARTER'S "CONTINUED HESITANCY AND INDECISION" ON NEUTRON WARHEAD ISSUE. SENATORS SAID SOVIET UNION HAS SHOWN NO SIGN OF RESTRAINT IN DEPLOYMENT INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES OR TANK FORCES IN EASTERN EUROPE.

4. NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIALY SAID IT IS "GOOD NEWS" THAT U.S. AND SOVIET UNION "ARE WITHIN SIGHT OF AN AGREEMENT TO BAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS ALTOGETHER." AGREEMENT IS BEING DELAYED BY "TOUGH PROBLEMS OF VERIFICATION," TIMES POINTED OUT. "BOTH SIDES SEEM TO RECOGNIZE THAT SOME ON-SITE INSPECTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL. YET NEITHER IS EAGER TO HAVE INSPECTORS ROAMING AROUND ITS CHEMICAL PLANTS. EXPERTS ARE CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT ONCE NATION DESTROYS ITS PRESENT STOCKPILE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, ANY EFFORT TO ACQUIRE NEW CAPABILITY TO FIGHT CHEMICAL WAR COULD BE DETECTED WITHOUT ELABORATE SNOOPING." TIMES SAID THUS FAR NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN "WHOLLY BILATERAL," BUT "IT OUGHT TO BE POSSIBLE TO BRING IN EXPERIENCE AND VIEWS OF OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS."

5. FLORA LEWIS OF NEW YORK TIMES, IN PARIS DISPATCH QUOTING RECENT SPEECH BY FRENCH CHIEF OF STAFF GUY MERY, REPORTED THAT FRANCE IS CONSIDERING DEVELOPING NEUTRON WEAPON AND IS GOING AHEAD WITH VERSION OF CRUISE MISSILE. MERY SAID FRANCE WAS DETERMINED TO KEEP UP ITS NUCLEAR DETERRENT AND TO MODERNIZE IT FOR COMING DECADES.

6. IN SYNDICATED COLUMN TITLED "RETURN OF HAWK," ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK SAID SECRETARY OF ENERGY JAMES SCHLESINGER HAS INJECTED HIMSELF "SQUARELY IN TURMOIL OVER ARMS CONTROL AND NATIONAL SECURITY WITHIN ADMINISTRATION." WRITING IN WASHINGTON POST, EVANS AND NOVAK SAID SCHLESINGER, IN TOP SECRET LETTER TO CARTER, ALIGNED HIMSELF WITH JCS AGAINST PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR "ZERO UNCLASSIFIED

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YIELD" NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY. "AS HEAD OF DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED DUTY OF CERTIFYING NATION'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL, SCHLESINGER WARNED CARTER THAT NUCLEAR TESTING IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN WARHEAD RELIABILITY," COLUMNISTS SAID. "IF ASKED OR DIRECTED TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS, HE WOULD SAY JUST THAT" THEY ADDED. "THAT GAVE MILITARY BADLY NEEDED CABINET-LEVEL CIVILIAN TO HELP SLOW RUSH TO TOTAL TEST BAN."

7. DON OBERDORFER OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT 14 SENIOR MEMBERS OF HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO CARTER ABOUT AN APPARENT SHIFT IN U.S. POLICY ON SOVIET UNION AND ASKED HIM TO CLEAR UP "CONFUSION AND DOUBT" RESULTING FROM CONFLICTS WITHIN ADMINISTRATION. VIEWS CONTAINED IN LETTER TO PRESIDENT FROM CHAIRMAN CLEMENT ZABLOCKI AND BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE BIPARTISAN GROUP OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND PROMINENT MEMBERS, OBERDORFER SAID. "THERE IS CONCERN IN COMMITTEE WHETHER IT IS IN OUR OWN NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS TO PERMIT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA TO ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR OVERALL RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION," COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAID.

8. HERBERT ROWEN OF WASHINGTON POST SAID AFL-CIO DENOUNCED CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY, SAYING IT HAD CREATED "GROWING FEELING OF UNCERTAINTY AND INSECURITY IN OUR COUNTRY." MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY SOL CHAIKIN, PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION, SPEAKING FOR AFL-CIO, AT OPENING SESSION YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON OF TRILATERAL COMMISSION. SESSION WAS CLOSED TO REPORTERS BUT CHAIKIN HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER OPENING SESSION. ROWEN SAID CHAIKIN RAN UNCLASSIFIED

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THROUGH LITANY OF COMPLAINTS ON CARTER FOREIGN POLICY:
"HE ACCUSED CARTER ADMINISTRATION OF "WAFFLING AND
WOBBLING" ON DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEUTRON ARMS,
WHICH HE SAID COULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE DETERRENT TO 'AWE-
SOME' SOVIET STRENGTH.... HE CHARGED THAT U.S. 'IS
PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE THAT SOVIET SS20 MISSILES ARE TO BE
COUNTED AS NONSTRATEGIC WEAPONS, MERELY BECAUSE THEY
CANNOT REACH AMERICAN TERRITORY.' CHAIKIN WARNED THAT
THESE 'LETHAL' WEAPONS COULD REACH 'AND INFLICT GREAT
DAMAGE' ON OUR WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES. HE SUGGESTED THAT
'WASHINGTON MAY BE GETTING READY TO OFFER CONCESSIONS TO
MOSCOW BY DECLARING ITS READINESS TO RESTRICT RANGE OF
CRUISE MISSILE.' FULL DEVELOPMENT OF CRUISE MISSILE, HE
ARGUED, WOULD HELP OFFSET EXISTING MILITARY 'IMBALANCES
THAT IN OUR OPINION CAN ONLY ENCOURAGE SOVIET AGGRESSION."
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